

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-48 are pending in the application and are subject to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

The Applicants provisionally elect Species # 1: Figures 2a and 2b. The Applicants believe that claims 1-12, 15-26, 29-40, and 43-47 are readable on this species. Claims 1-10, 15-25, 29-38, and 43-46 were deemed to be generic by the Office Action. An action on the merits is awaited.

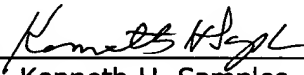
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully requested,

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